

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT
9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL**

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman
Vicki Campbell (arrived at 2:03 p.m.)
Larry Walker

Members absent: Elvin McCorvey

Counsel present: Bradley S. Odom

Staff present: Bill Johnson, Acting Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
John Daane, Director of Information Technology
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Stacey Hayden, Senior Project Engineer
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Gerry Piscopo, Director of Maintenance and
Construction
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Patty Sheldon, Director of Finance

ITEM 1 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to calling the regular meeting of the Board to order, Chairman Benson provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 1:59 p.m.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Odom requested removal of Item 9 (a) - Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County – Thousand Oaks sewer expansion, and (b) - Nowak Dairy Subdivision – Developer cost participation system expansion, from the agenda.

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to adopt the agenda as presented and amended. Motion carried 3-0.

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

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ITEM 5 - OPEN FORUM

(a) Ms. Wilhemina Ladd-Gadson, Post Office Box 18044, Pensacola, FL 32523, addressed the Board concerning issues related to her property located at 2315 N. Tarragona Street, and ECUA's compensation to others but no one has taken care of her property. Ms. Ladd-Gadson further stated that she feels "ECUA has sent the law on her" because she was stopped by an Escambia County Deputy due to a plastic cover being over her car tag. Ms. Ladd-Gadson also stated that ECUA, the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, Habitat for Humanity, and others have coerced against her. Ms. Ladd-Gadson displayed a legal document (injunction) that she did not feel was in the proper legal format and has never been responded to.

Mr. Odom advised that this issue is in pending litigation and the Board should not respond to the comments made. Regarding, the legal document, Mr. Odom advised that the document was from Ms. Ladd-Gadson's attorney – not ECUA.

(b) Mr. Shaun Mayeux, representing Star Services, Inc., addressed the Board concerning Item 8H, the award of bid for the HVAC contract. Mr. Mayeux stated that they did leave a couple of items out of the proposal they provided for the HVAC system but felt they were simply technicalities and ECUA should reconsider the recommended award and make the award to Star Services, Inc., as the low bid.

Mr. Odom responded that the requirements that the company failed to meet were more than simple technicalities, i.e. the proper certifications for ECUA's equipment were not included and the local references for customers were not included. Further, three separate teams reviewed all proposals submitted and determined that the bid from Star Services, Inc., was non-responsive.

ITEM 6 – PRESENTATIONS:

None.

ITEM 7 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Walker, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 27, 2017 and the special Board meeting of May 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

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ITEM 8 - REPORT OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE 05/17/17

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Walker, to approve the following recommendations for Items G through K as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Extension of Chemical Contract - Aluminum Sulfate

Approve the first of two optional one-year extensions for the contract for aluminum sulfate to Southern Ionics, Inc., in the amount of \$219 per dry ton, with pricing as agreed to by the supplier and with the approval of the ECUA Board, and authorize payment from the appropriate budget line item.

H. Award of Bid – HVAC Maintenance Services

(1) Affirmatively find the bid submitted by Star Service to be non-responsive; and (2) award the bid to Engineered Cooling Services, Inc., Pensacola, FL, the lowest responsive bidder, in the total amount of \$80,418, with funding from the Plant Maintenance operating budget.

I. Award of Bid – Envelope Restoration – CWRP Administration Building

Award the bid for the Envelope Restoration for the CWRP Administration Building to Emerald Coast Constructors, Pensacola, FL, the lowest responsive bidder, in the total amount of \$885,000, including additive alternate 1, with funding from CIP Project RS532, CWRP Building Water Sealing.

J. Ultraviolet Equipment Procurement – Bayou Marcus WRF Disinfection

Waive the normal bidding process based on the reasons cited, and approve the direct procurement of the new disinfection equipment for the Bayou Marcus WRF Disinfection project as a sole source purchase from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$532,400, and authorize payment from CIP Project RS234.

K. Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvements Program Budget

(1) Approve the water and wastewater listing and ranking order of the proposed Capital Improvements Program projects for the fiscal year 2018; and (2) Approve the sanitation listing and ranking order of the proposed Capital Improvements Program projects for the fiscal year 2018.

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L. Capital Improvement Fee

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell to recognize that the CAC took action on this item and the Board will take appropriate action when the time comes. *Motion died for lack of a second.*

A substitute motion was made by Dr. Walker that the Board approve the concept of the capital improvement fee. *Motion died for lack of a second.*

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Walker, to table this issue until the June Board meeting.

Mr. Odom stated that since no action was taken, none is required. The issue is now before the Board; however, no tabling or action is required.

ITEM 9 – OPERATIONAL ITEMS:

Items 9 (a) and (b) were removed from the agenda. There were no other items under this category.

ITEM 10 - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

ITEM 11 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

ITEM 12 - ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- (a) Attorney's request for Private Session regarding pending litigation

Mr. Odom requested that the Board go into private session to discuss pending litigation and settlement. Further, the session would be recorded by a Court Reporter and those in attendance would be as follows:

Lois Benson, Chairman
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman
Vicki Campbell
Larry Walker
Bradley S. Odom, ECUA Counsel

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William E. Johnson, Acting Executive Director in the absence
of Mr. Sorrell
Terry Hoffman, Court Reporter

Mr. Odom indicated that the private session would take
approximately 15 minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to
grant Mr. Odom's request to go into private session [2:38 p.m.]. Motion carried
4-0.

ITEM 13 - RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular Board meeting was reconvened at approximately 2:48
p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Walker, to
proceed with the settlement as outlined by the Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM 14 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 15 - NEW BUSINESS

None.

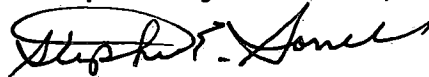
ITEM 16 - BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Perkins congratulated the IT Department on receiving the
Florida Excellence in Technology Award.

ITEM 17 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting
of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman Benson declared the
meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

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APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION ON 06/29/17.

- (X) Without corrections/amendments.
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